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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a request for continued examination (RCE), which is being filed concurrently with a petition to withdraw the application from issue. The issue fee was paid on July 7, 2004.

The Notice of Allowance mailed on April 7, 2004 indicated that claims 1-27 were allowed. On June 7, 2004, applicant filed an Amendment after Allowance, and the present amendments are made based on the claims as presented in the Amendment after Allowance.

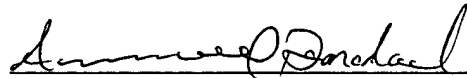
Applicant asks that all claims be examined in view of the amendment to the claims.

An information disclosure statement also is submitted with the RCE.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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